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THe Fleet appointed for the Transportation of the Succors sent by His Most Christian Majesty for the Relief of *Candia*, under the Command of the Duke *de Navailles* General of the Land-Forces, set Sail from *Thoulon* the Fifth of *June* 1669, about 4 in the Afternoon. The 17th following they were joyned by 14 *Venetian* Ships having on board them Horses, *&c.* for that Expedition; and came all to an Anchor in the Bay of this City the 19th, where His Majesties Fleet receiving the usual Salutes from the Town, answered them by the Admiral only. The Duke *de Beaufort*, the Duke *de Navailles*, Monsieur *Colbert* (Brother of the Minister of State) and other Officers of the Army Embarked themselves in a Chaloupe to

discover the Enemies Posts, which, as to the Situation of their Camp at the *Sabionera*, and St. *Andre*, they found to agree with the Draught sent thence to the Cou t the *April* before; Save only that the Enemy had made some advance especially towards the side of the *Bastion* St. *Andre*, of which indeed they were now become Masters, and had raised a Battery of two Pieces of Canon, to annoy all Vessels passing in, or out of the Port.

Whil'st they were thus Viewing, and considering the Place, they could perceive a small Barke, with *Venetian* Colours come from the Port, and make towards the Fleet, which it seems had on board her the Sieur *Castellan* (Kinsman to him that Commands a Brigade in the Army, and now employed as an Engineer) especially of late; for the Defence of the *Bastion* of the *Sabionera*.

He was sent by the Captain General of the Republick to Complement the Admiral the Duke *de Navailles*, and the rest of the Officers of the Army in the Name of the Garrison, and to inform them of the true state of the Place, and the extremity it was reduced to; bringing also with him a Design of the same, for better Demonstration. He freely declared, They had no other hopes of Preserving the Place, but the Expectation of these Succors; and, that he had expres Orders from the Captain-General, to desire 3000 Men to Mount the Guard that very night, lest the Enemy, upon their Arrival, should resolve upon a General Assault, and carry the place, before their Forces could come a shore.

This did a little surprize the Duke *de Navailles*, who was loath to adventure the Landing of part of his Men, and therefore thought best, that himself, and some of the Principal Officers of his Army, should first take a view of

the Town that night, and afterwards as he saw occasion take care for the Landing his Men.

This he Communicated to the Admirall, and accordingly about 11 of the Clock with Monsieur *de Champ* and some other Officers went on board the same Barque, that brought Monsieur *Castellan*, for his more particular information.

On the Morrow morning being the 21th. The Duke *de Navailles* having well weighed all things, and finding the State of the Place to be no better then what Monsieur *Castellan* had reported, The Enemy entrenched, their Cannon mounted upon the Bastion St. *Andre*, whence they played continually upon the first Retrenchments which there being little ground left, was not in a Condition to make any considerable defence, and that the second Retrenchment which the besieged had begun to cast up behind it could not possibly be finished time enough to prevent their gaining a mine, (which he was assured was underneath the first Retrenchment) of which if the Enemy were once possessed, the whole place would lye open to them, and endanger the loss of the Garrison.

This he thought might reflect upon the honor of the Armes of the King his Master, that the place should be taken in sight of the succors without attempting something towards its relief, (the Admirall concurring with him in the same opinion) they resolved upon a speedy Landing of all their forces, which they began to put in Execution that very night, so that in 2 or 3 dayes they had all their men ashore.

The 22d 4 of the Kings Musquetiers and a Quartermaster of Horse, who had orders to goe and provide quarters in the Town, adventuring to enter the Port by day,

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3 of the Musquetiers were killed by the Enemies Canon from the Bastion of St. *Andre*, and the Quartermaster at the same time lost one of his hands.

The 23d the Admirall entred the Towne and viewed the Posts, the Generals calling a Councell of Officers concluded there was no other expedient for the preserving the Town, then by a Generall assault immediately to be made upon the Enemy, before they could receive any recruits from *Morea* or fortify themselves in their Trenches. Moreover by this means they might surprize them ere they could gather their Cavalry together, which was now dismounted and dispersed up and down the Countrey.

These considerations confirmed the resolution of the assault which was to be made upon the *Sabioncra* side, as having a greater convenience of sallying out of that quarter then that of St. *Andre*, and accordingly on the 24th at night, or the 25th by break of day endeavor to beat the Enemy from their works and to raise them. This was the opinion of our Generall and Officers and approved of by the *Venetians*.

It was thought nevertheless too great an undertaking for our strength alone, being from all hands informed the Enemy had 7 or 8000 men in that quarter, wherefore he required of the Captain Generall to furnish us with all the men he possibly could.

The great desire our Generall had to prosecute this designe, in order to the saving of the place, and the confidence he had of his owne Forces, with their promise of a supply, encouraged him to set upon the *Sabioncra*, though it were entrenched, and of greater strength then the body wherewith he intended to attempt it. And therefore desired the Captain Generall to assigne him 5 or 600 Pyoneers

to slight the Enemies workes, and nayle down their Cannon, and that at the same time a brisk sally might be made upon the side of the St. *Andre* to keep them in play there, that they might not succor the *Sabionera*. All which the Captain Generall promised punctually to performe.

The Admirall also who would needs have a part in this Action, ingaged to land 1500 of his men from his Ships, and to lead them himself though he submitted to receive orders from the Generals (Monsieur *Colbert* being appoynted his Marshall of the Camp) and to cause his men of war to be brought within Musquet shott of St. *Andre* and to keep playing upon the Enemies Camp with his Cannon from their Ships, being unwilling to be a witnes only to this glorious enterprise without running all the risques that should attend it.

But the *Venetians* who at first promised us 4 or 500 horse and 3000 foot to joyn with ours, shewing the impossibility of affording any, took upon them nevertheless to divert the Enemy at St. *Andre*, and by a stout salley which they would make under the favour of our Cannon from the Ships to enter the Fort it self.

The 24th at night the Admirall having landed his seamen sent notice thereof to the Duke *de Navailles* assuring him of their good disposition, each Company being commanded by the Captain of that vessell out of which they were taken, and that now he wanted only orders to draw them out, and to fall upon the Enemy.

The Generall returned him answer by the Baron *de St. Mark* that it was too great a danger for a person of his quality to expose himself to, whom he also desired to use all arguments to diswade him, urging the great impor-

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rance the safety of his person was to his Majesties Service, and the particular good of the design now in hand, but all his instances could not prevail upon him to alter his resolution.

That night the D. *de Navailles* went to take a view of the Rere of the Enemies Camp, where he resolved to make his Onset, and in his return visited the Fort *Demetrius*, by which he intended to issue out his Troops, and having disposed his *Battalia*, he acquainted the Captain General, the *D.* of *Beaufort*, *Monsieur S. Andre Montbrun* with the Order, desiring they would with all freedom give their opinion upon it, (an affair of so great importance to Christendom, requiring to be well weighed,) which when understood, they unanimously approved it to have been so well laid, that there was nothing to be added or altered.

It being now neer day, the *D. de Navailles* began to draw out his men out of the Town, with the greatest silence imaginable in the Order agreed upon before, which was as follows.

Four hundred men were drawn out of each body, 50 Grenadiers placed in the Front of them, and brought up by 3 Troops of horse commanded by *Monsieur Dampier*.

These were followed by the Regiments of *Gaures*, Saint *Valier*, *Lorrain*, and *Britany*, 4 Troops of horse upon their wings, and brought up by the Regiments of *Montague*, *Fonsac*, and *Grance*.

The Regiments of *Harcourt*, *Conti*, *Lignieres*, *Mompizat* and *Vendosme* made up the Reserve commanded by *Monsieur de Choiseville*, 4 Squadrons of horse marching upon their wings, and were Posted between the Enemies two Camps, to cut off all relief that might come from

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S. *Andre* to the *Sabionera*, they were about to attacque.

There were also 50 of the Kings Musquetiers and 100 reformed Officers placed between the first and second line to be ready upon any emergency.

The Forces that came from on board the Ships were ordered to make their sally on the left side of the Trench of the *Sabionera*.

Whilst the Army was drawing out the *D. de Navailles* caused two breaches to be made to sally out of the Trench, by one of which 500 men should attacque them in the Front, the rest to divide themselves into two bodies, and flank the two Batteries, but with expres Order not to stir till they knew the Camp was engaged, and in case they gained the Batteries, which in all likelihood they would, there to range themselves, and not to advance a foot without fresh Orders.

After silence commanded, which was punctually observed, though in a strange and uneven Countrey, we marched in this excellent order till we came within a very small distance of the Enemy, and ranged our selves in *Battalia* in a little place leading into their Camp, without ever being discovered.

The day was also propitious to our designs, our last Troops being scarce come up to their Lines, when we could discern the enemies Camp.

Our commanded men, who were then within half Musquet shot of the Enemy were fired upon by their Musquetiers, and our General discovering two Redoubts at the head of the Quarters, caused them to be set upon by the Forces commanded by *Monsieur Dampier*, who seconded by the Guards immediately carried them with great resolution, putting all to the sword that made any resistance.

At the same time the Enemies Lines were assaulted and taken by the Regiments of S. *Valier* and *Lorrain*, whilest the commanded men fell in upon the Rere of the Trench, *Monsieur Castellan* seconding them in the head of the Company of Guards under his Command, with infinite execution and slaughter of the Enemy, possessed themselves of them: here our Troops fell to plundering, though it were prohibited upon pain of death, and entring the enemies Huts slew great numbers, whom they surprized before they could get into a posture of defence.

Hitherto every thing succeeded according to our desires, though we had not above 300 men from on board the ships, and few or none of the *Venetians*, so that this handful of men routed this numerous enemy, amongst whom was so great consternation, that they threw themselves head-long into the Sea when they were Masters of the Batteries and Canon.

The Enemy thus beaten from their Camp, drew up upon an Ascent on our right hand, whence viewing our small numbers on the left, scarce 300 Seamen advancing, notwithstanding all the importunity of the Admiral and *Monsieur Colbert*, with a hideous shout, rallied to charge us in those Trenches they had so lately abandoned; but our General perceiving their intent sustained the charge, and forced them twice to a confused retreat, not without a considerable loss; but they being a sort of people that quickly rally, were presently upon us again, with as much eagerness as formerly they fled: Our General then put himself in the head of the Company of Guards, and causing the Squadron of S. *Estève* to follow, received them so warmly, that we became Masters of the upper ground they had taken.

But then there happened an unlucky accident, the Powder

Powder Granadoes &c. of a Battery poſſeſſed by the Guards taking fire, the ſoldiers fearing there had been a Mine, diſperſed the whole Battalion, running to the right and left in that diſorder that Monſieur *Caſtellan* had much adoe to make them to rally.

The 300 from on board the Ships, terrified with this accident, deſerted their Poſts, and by all the endeavors could poſſibly be uſed would not be brought back to the fight.

The Generall and *Monſieur Colbert* ſeeing this diſaſter came up with our firſt Battalions in the head of 50 of the Kings Muſquetiers on foot, where with this ſmall body they performed things beyond all imagination.

This misfortune gave ſuch encouragement to the Turks that they attacqued our men afreſh with vigor enough, who were ſo ſhaken with the violence of the aſſault and number of the Enemy that the greateſt part began to retreat without d , and had not our General with great reſolution in the head of a ſmall troop of horſe he had newly rallyed together, maintained a Curtaine that favoured our retreat, the Enemy had prevailed upon this diſorder to our very great diſadvantage.

In the mean time the body of the Reſerve, was ſurrounded with ſeveral Companies, powred in upon them from St. *Andre*, between whom there was a ſlight skirmiſh but of no long continuance, which our men not being able to ſuſtaine, though infinitely Encouraged thereunto by the Meſſieurs *le Bret* and *Choyſeul*, who had both their horſes killed under them, Followed the Example of the Seamen, and made a diſorderly retreat.

This compleated the loſs of that Advantage, we ſo long had in our hands, and the Enemy fearing our retreat

might betray them into an Ambuſh, had not Courage enough to purſue, retaining ſtill ſuch a dread of our forces, though retreated in diſorder; that our Generall aſſiſted only by the Meſſieurs *Tulladet*, and *Argellon*, and 4, or 5 Gentlemen of his own family that never deſerted him, made good ſo orderly a retreat, that the Enemy durſt not attempt this ſmall number, but diſcharging a great volley of ſmall ſhot upon them, our Generals horſe was hurt in two places, and himſelf received a ſhot on his Armor but without hurt to his body.

The Admirall the Duke *de Beaufort* abandoned by all his men fell in this action, without any perſon about him but what were killed or wounded; among the former was Monſieur *Bourgneuf*, the later Monſieur *Hoquette*, who had his Foot ſhot off at the Ancle by a Musquet bullet.

This glorious Action, So happily begun, and carryed on with that excellent conduct, however unfortunate in the diſorder, might nevertheleſs have been eſteemed a ſucceſsfull and advantagious enterprize, were it not for the invaluable loſs of our Admiral, and thoſe other Noble perſons that fell with him.

The advice from the Enemies Camp ſpeaks the loſs on their ſide to have been very conſiderable, above 1800 men having been killed, drowned, and taken Priſoners.

A Particular List of the Slain and Wounded.

Principal Officers Slain.

THe Duke *de Beaufort*, Admiral of *France*.
The Sieur *de Rozan*, brother to the Marquis *Blanquefort*, Master of the Camp.
Marquis *de Fabert*, Master of the Camp.
Monsieur *de Bourgneuf*, *Ayde de Camp*.

Principal Officers and Persons of note wounded.

Monsieur *Castellan* dangerously.
Monsieur *Lignieres* Mareshal of the Camp dangerously.
Monsieur *Molier* Captain of the Cavalry.
The Chevalier *de Bouillon*.
Monsieur *Montaigue* Colonel.
Monsieur *de Cauuisson*.
Monsieur *le Gaure*.
Marquis *d'Uxelles Ayde de Camp*.
Monsieur *de la Hoquette*, *Ayde de Camp*.
Monsieur *de Montbrun*, not St. *Andre Montbrun*.
Vicount *de Casse* 3 wounds on the head with a Cimitar.
Du Cles, Captain of the Duke *de Navailles* Guards, wounded with an Arrow in his head.
Mr. *de la Moche d'Origni*, Engineer.

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The Little Chevalier *de Vendoſme*, received 3 ſhots in his Armor, the Bullets of two pierced to his very Shirt, without hurting him.

Officers in the ſeveral Regiments killed and Wounded.

In Monſieur *Caſtellan*'s Brigade of Foot.

1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, Monſieur *Guentygau*, Voluntier, killed.
1 Enſign wounded.

In Mr. *de Rozans* Regiment.

1 Lieutenant wounded.

In Mr. *de Grances* Regiment.

1 Major, 1 Lieutenant, killed.
1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, hurt.

In Monſieur *de Fonzac*'s Regiment.

1 Major killed.
1 Lieutenant Colonel, 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants hurt.

In Monſieur *de Vendoſmes* Regiment,

1 Lieutenant killed.
1 Major, 1 Captain hurt.

In Monſieur St. *Valier*'s Regiment.

2 Captains killed.
Monſieur St. *Valier*, 1 Major, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants hurt.

In Mr. *de Montpeyroux*'s Regiment.

1 Lieutenant hurt.

In Monſieur *Dampiers's* Regiment.

4 Captains hurt.

In Monſieur *de Harcourt's* Regiment.

1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant killed.

5 Captains, 2 Lieutenants hurt.

In Monſieur *de Conty's* Regiment.

1 Lieutenant killed.

1 Captain hurt.

Reformed Officers.

In the *Navarre* Brigade.

1 Lieutenant killed.

In the *Lorrain* Brigade.

2 Majors, 2 Captain killed.

3 Captains, 2 Lieutenants hurt.

In the *Bretagne* Brigade.

1 Captain killed.

1 Collonel, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant hurt.

In the *Piedmont* Brigade.

2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant killed.

In the Brigade of *Normandy*.

3 Captains, 1 Lieutenant killed.

In the Brigade of *Picardy*.

4 Captains, 5 Lieutenants killed.

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Horse.

In Monsieur *de Choyseul's* Brigade.

3 Captains, 3 Lieutenants hurt.

In Monsieur *de* St. *Esteue's*.

1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant hurt.

In Monsieur *de Sommieures*.

2 Lieutenants killed.

2 Lieutenants hurt.

Private Soldiers killed and wounded 5 or 600 Men, besides Prisoners.

Of the Enemy were killed, drowned, and taken Prisoners, about 1800.

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